

Appln. No. 10/527,823
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REMARKS

The examiner considers the application to contain two inventions or groups of inventions (I and II) which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 and requires election of a single invention to which the claims are to be restricted.

Applicants elect without traverse Group I, claims 1-13 and 18-29, drawn to a gene fragment coding for a human anti-human monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1).

The examiner further requires an election of species if Group I is elected. Applicants elect without traverse the species of (A) fragments without one or several amino acids deleted, substituted or added.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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